

**OPINION
49-200**

May 24, 1949 (OPINION)

VETERANS

RE: Soldier's Bonus

Pursuant to our oral conversation and your letter of May 20, 1949, you ask me for a ruling whether or not the following section of S.B. No. 2, enacted by the recent legislative assembly, is mandatory:

In any case where the veteran or the applicant for payment under this Act is indebted to the Veterans Aid Commission of the State of North Dakota, the Adjutant General shall determine the amount of such indebtedness and certify such determination to the State Auditor together with the record of payment due. Within the limits of the payment due, the State Auditor shall remit the amount of such indebtedness to the Veterans Aid Commission and pay to the applicant such difference, if any, to which he may be entitled."

It is our opinion that this section is mandatory, and that all accounts payable to the Veterans' Aid Commission by veterans should be submitted to the Adjutant general for payment from the adjusted compensation paid the veteran.

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